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(1) be maintained on feeder layers for at least 20 passages; and

(2) give rise to embryoid bodies and multiple differentiated cell phenotypes in monolayer culture; and

(b) a fibroblast growth factor, leukemia inhibitory factor, membrane associated steel factor, and soluble steel factor in amounts to enhance the growth and allow the continued proliferation of the [cell] cells.--

REMARKS

Claim 7 has been submitted to clarify the cells contained in the composition. Support is found in claim 1 and throughout the application. Consideration of the amendment is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited and encouraged to directly contact the undersigned if such contact may enhance the efficient prosecution of this application to issue.

No additional fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees

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